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THOROUGH INSPECTION OF THE JAIL.

There are many places where improvements can be made. Opinions of prisoners at variance as regards treatment, food, bedding, and other things.

The article published in yesterday's LEADER regarding the discipline and sanitary regulations at the Logan county jail, created a ripple of talk not only at the jail itself but among the charitable people of the city. By some the charges preferred against Sheriff Painter and Jailer Jackson were pronounced as only too true, while others scouted the allegations as the morbid hallucinations of a prisoner's brain.

Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Painter, in order to corroborate his side of the case, invited THE LEADER MEN, as well as representatives from the other local papers, and citizens, to visit the jail, and personally inspect its multifarious workings. The invitation was accepted and the party was thoroughly examined. Splendid discipline is maintained at the jail, and if tyranny is practiced by the jail officials, it was not, of course, observable to the eyes of the visitors while there.

The county jail is a substantial structure of goodly size, built of corrugated iron. The cage appointments are of the latest patterns and four patent combination locks open and close simultaneously all the cell or outer doors. There are eight commodious cells within the cage, fronting on well ventilated corridors.

At present there are twenty-eight prisoners confined in the bastille, and from two to five men languish in each cell. The visit of yesterday revealed the fact that the jail corridors are scrupulously clean, and according to the officials, the floors are washed from four to five times a week. As far as could be discerned, there were blankets enough in each cell, and the prisoners ought not to suffer from cold. As for the food, that prepared and given to the prisoners yesterday was substantial and wholesome. The dinner consisted of several slices of bread, onions, turnips, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beef steak, and coffee. Whether this menu is served daily is not known. Several prisoners intimated to THE LEADER reporter yesterday that visits of newspaper men to jail are like an oasis in a desert, as they cause the lid of the larger to open like a yawning abyss.

But malice may have inspired these intimations. The majority of the men confined in the bastille were questioned regarding their treatment, food, bedding, bathing privileges, etc. A man, debarred of his liberty is not likely to be contented or satisfied, but the greater number of those interviewed expressed themselves as well cared for, and no kick coming. Prisoners Frank Sloan and C. A. Wilson, two intelligent young men, had kind words to say of Sheriff Painter and Jailer Jackson, and as they are long time birds their remarks are worth something. On the other hand vigorous kicks came from men "quartered" in a cell on the west side. They averred that Jackson was overbearing, and blankets few and far between. They declared that yesterday's dinner was the best in quality and quantity served them in three months, and that to ask for a drink of water during the night time was almost a crime. Said one of them: "Say, don't give our names away but I'll swear on the bible that this jail is tough. We get no decent treatment at all. Some of our food is at times decayed. If we kick we are told not to eat and if we persist in kicking, Jackson puts us on bread and water. That negro, Lew, is allowed all kinds of privileges while we are continually mistreated."

Stepping to the next cell, the scribe heard this: "Say, cull dem fellows in here is just jealous. Dese tramps and dese kikes don't go. We gets lots to eat and Jackson treats us tip-top. See? Here mugs in here don't wash now, and what's baths to them. Dey's mad at Lew because she talks to us and not to them."

During the visit to the jail physician, Dr. Kintner came in to see Tom Shelton, a negro prisoner who is suffering with pleurisy. The doctor stated that the sanitary condition of the jail was good, but that more bath tubs should be provided. He said the food served was wholesome and the bedding very good.

Sheriff Painter, deputy Harry Painter and Jailer Jackson kindly showed the visitors through the building and answered all questions. Jailer Jackson is an intelligent colored man and has had eight years experience in jail work. Several prisoners testified to his kindness and consideration. THE LEADER gives a fair and unbiased account of the jail question and its readers may interpret it as they see fit. There is no question about kicks, and there may be some partiality shown by the officials, but taking the matter as a whole the prisoners, to all appearances fare well. But there is much room for improvement. More bath tubs are needed, and more room should be given the prisoners. Two men in a cell should be the rule. In concluding this article it may be well to say that when a man commits a crime he should not expect to strike paradise when he lands in the county jail.

HAWAIIAN MESSAGE.

THE WHOLE MATTER LEFT TO CONGRESS.

MINISTER STEVENS ARRAIGNED.

Declared to Have Been Sincere in His Efforts to Have the Old Regime Peacefully Re-established. A Failure—Congress Called Upon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—As soon as both houses of congress had completed their preliminary work yesterday, a messenger from the president presented to them the long promised special message on the Hawaiian complication.

The message itself was as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives: In my recent address to congress I briefly referred to our relations with Hawaii and expressed my intention of transmitting further information on the subject when additional advice permitted. Though I had not then received the change in the actual situation, I am convinced that the difficulties lately created both here and in Hawaii and now existing, require a solution through executive action of the president, and I have accordingly referred to the broader authority and direction of congress, with the understanding that the president thus far made to deal with the emergency and a statement of the considerations which have governed action.

I suppose that right and justice should determine the policy to be followed in this subject. If national honesty is to be desired, and a desire for territorial extension, or acquisition with a form of government, not our own is to regulate our conduct, I have entirely misapprehended the mission and character of our government, and the policy which the consideration of our people demands of their public representatives.

THE PROPOSAL OF ANNEXATION.

When the present administration entered upon its duties the senate had under consideration a treaty providing for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the territory of the United States. Surely under our constitution and laws the enlargement of our limits is a manifestation of the highest attribute of sovereignty, and if entered upon by the president, all this is relative to the transactions should be clear and free from suspicion.

Additional importance is attached to this particular treaty of annexation, because it was a compromise between the two great parties in the United States, and it was a compromise between the two great parties in the United States, and it was a compromise between the two great parties in the United States.

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